



2007 SENATE BILL 436

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1 **AN ACT to renumber and amend** 101.141; and **to create** 101.141 (2) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** reports or records kept on the occurrence of fires.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) is required to maintain records of all fires that occur in Wisconsin. This bill requires fire departments to report certain information to Commerce to be included in these records for fires that involve buildings. The information required includes the cause of the fire, the age and purpose of the building, the number of units if the building contains two or more dwelling units, and the existence of any fire sprinkler or fire alarm system.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 101.141 of the statutes is renumbered 101.141 (1) and amended to
4 read:

5 101.141 (1) The department shall maintain records of all fires occurring in this
6 state. Such For the purpose of maintaining these records, each city, village, or town

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1 fire department shall file a report with the department for each fire that involves a
2 building and that occurs within the boundaries of the city, village, or town. The
3 report shall be filed within 60 days after the fire occurs. These records shall be open
4 to public inspection during normal business hours.

5 **SECTION 2.** 101.141 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

6 101.141 (2) Each report filed and each record maintained under sub. (1) shall
7 include all of the following information:

8 (a) The age of the building.

9 (b) The purpose for which the building was used at the time of the fire.

10 (c) If the building was used as a home, whether the building was a multifamily
11 dwelling complex, a single-family dwelling, or a mixed-use building with one or
12 more dwelling units.

13 (d) The number of dwelling units in the building, if the building was a
14 multifamily dwelling complex or a mixed-use building.

15 (e) Whether the building had an automatic fire sprinkler system at the time of
16 the fire and, if so, whether the system was operational.

17 (f) Whether the building had a fire alarm system at the time of the fire and, if
18 so, whether the system was operational.

19 (g) The cause of the fire.

20 (h) Any other relevant information concerning the building, as determined by
21 the fire department or the department.

22 (END)